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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 2 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-5 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 1-5 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 13 December 2004 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ .
3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>12/13/04</u> .	5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
	6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters:

Specification

1. The title of the invention is not descriptive. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

The following title is suggested: Methods for Manufacturing a Tape and a Smartcard.

Claim Objections

2. Reference characters have not been consistently used throughout the claims. It is suggested that the reference characters be used consistently throughout the claims or that the reference characters be removed altogether in the claims.

Appropriate correction or clarification is required.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 1-5 are allowable over prior art.
4. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: although the prior art of record teach a wound glued tape in which elements, particularly semiconductor devices, are glued to the tape, the prior art of record fails to teach or fairly suggest either alone or in combination thereof,

regarding independent claim 1, a method of manufacturing a tape to which a plurality of elements are affixed by means of a glue in a solid state, the method including a gluing step in which elements are glued to a basic tape, the method characterized in that the gluing step is followed by:

a winding step in which the glued tape is wound while the glue is in a state between a liquid state and the solid state so as to obtain a wended glued tape; and
a heating step in which the wended glued tape is heated so that the glue reaches the solid state; and

regarding independent claim 5, a method of manufacturing a smart card, characterized in that the method includes the following steps:

a winding step in which a glued tape is wound while a glue is in a state between a liquid state and a solid state, so as to obtain a wended glued tape; and
a heating step in which the wended glued tape is heated so that the glue reaches the solid state.

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Liang et al. (US 7,056,767) teach a method and apparatus for flip chip device assembly by radiant heating.

Yamazaki et al. (US 6,924,211) and Yamazaki et al. (US 6,753,614) teach a semiconductor chip carrying adhesive tape/sheet, semiconductor chip carrier, semiconductor chip mounting method and semiconductor chip packaging body.

Haghiri-Tehrani (US 5,055,913) teach a terminal arrangement for integrated circuit device.

6. Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jamara A. Franklin whose telephone number is (571) 272-2389. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 8:00am to 4:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael G. Lee can be reached on (571) 272-2398. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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